

January 28, 2024; 9:00 am
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Prelude: Variations on "Coronation"

arr. by Lani Smith

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 111)*

Mary Bacon

Shout praises to the Lord!

The Lord has done many wonderful things!

Everyone who is pleased with God's marvelous deeds
will keep them in mind.

**Everything the Lord does is glorious and majestic,
and his power to bring justice will never end.**

Respect and obey the Lord!

This is what wisdom and good sense are all about.

God will always be respected.

*** Opening Prayer**

God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority, that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Sung Response: GTG 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

Laurie Christie, Cantor

***Call to Confession** (*Deuteronomy 6:4-5*)

Mary Bacon

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” Let us confess our failure to fully love our merciful God.

***Prayer of Confession**

Mary Bacon

God our God: **we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture, and wonder why we are so empty when we need words of hope, of grace, of comfort. We are careful to follow the prescriptions our doctors give us, yet pay little heed to your hopes for us. We puff out our chests over what good people we are, yet do not notice how our pride trips those who seek to follow Jesus.**

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Forgive us, Holy One, and be gracious to us: **astound us with your words, so we may learn your ways; nourish us with your mercy, so we may be filled with life; enter our empty souls, till they overflow with praise for you, Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news from the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Ephesians: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.” Children of God, through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sharing God’s Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula ‘The Peace of Christ.’ ‘And also, with you.’ Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Sung Response: GTG 582** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 111 (Common English Bible)

I thank the Lord with all my heart

in the company of those who do right, in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are magnificent;

they are treasured by all who desire them.

God's deeds are majestic and glorious.

God's righteousness stands forever.

God is famous for his wondrous works.

The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

God gives food to those who honor him.

God remembers his covenant forever.

God proclaimed his powerful deeds to his people

and gave them what had belonged to other nations.

God's handiwork is honesty and justice;

all God's rules are trustworthy—

they are established always and forever:

they are fulfilled with truth and right doing.

God sent redemption for his people;

God commanded that his covenant last forever.

Holy and awesome is God's name!

Fear of the Lord is where wisdom begins;

sure knowledge is for all who keep God's laws.

God's praise lasts forever!

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28 (Common English Bible)

(page 35 in the pew Bible)

Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. The

people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God.”

“Silence!” Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. “Come out of him!” The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out.

Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, “What’s this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!” Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “New Teaching – with Authority!”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

***Sung response: GTG 316** “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

We Respond to God’s Word

Moment for Mission

In response to God’s Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God’s tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible act of thanks. No matter what is physically offered back to God, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God’s hands, to be re-shaped to further God’s kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

arr. Donald Marsh

***Offertory: GTG 609 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

(TUNE: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

***Sung response: GTG 450 “Be Thou My Vision”**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “Slane”

arr. by Paul Manz

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February Deacon of the Month
Mary Ellen McMeen

February Elder of the Month
Cheryl Clarenbach

This Week at Church

Sunday 01.28.2024

9:00-10:00am Worship
10:15am Annual Congregational Meeting
11:15am PYA
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Meeting Troop 702

Monday 01.29.2024

10:00-11:30am Staff Meeting

Wednesday 01.31.2024

8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast
4:30-5:30pm Bell Choir

Thursday 02.01.2024

1:00-2:00pm Serving Team
6:00-7:00pm Growing Connections Planning

Saturday 02.03.2024

9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis
9:00-3:00pm Quilts of Valor

Sunday 02.04.2024

9:00-10:00am Worship/ Communion
10:15-11:15am Fellowship Time
10:20-11:15am Growing Connections

- Adults Sermon Discussion – Pedro A. will lead.
- 8th-12th Grade Room 6
- 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
- Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8

6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Looking Ahead

February 11 Worship Souper Bowl of Caring

February 14 Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes 12:00-1:00pm
Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30-7:30pm

February 16 Cribbage

PRAYERS

Brian C.	*Lynn K.
Pat D.	*Ashley K.
Gib D.	*Cathie
Arnold L.	*Mike S.
Jesse F.	*Dale F.
Liam A.	*Maryann C.
Burt M.	*Lorele C.
Marie L.	*Laura C.
Chastity G. and Joan S.	*Tanya
Bob B. – Recovering from surgery.	All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.

The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has requested they be lifted in prayer.

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E-Giving

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Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
January 21, 2024	122 IN THE SEATS	\$8,194.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
		\$1,000.00	"PAVE THE WAY"--OFFERINGS
01/15--01/19/24	7-HOUSEHOLDS	\$2,761.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$1,050.00	"PAVE THE WAY"-VANCO 01/15--19/2024
		\$13,005.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
1/21/2024	7 HOUSEHOLDS		7-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 01/21/2024